

Ministry News

Activities Ministry

TRAVEL TO HISTORIC VIRGINIA & DC September 19-24, 2021

Travel with Dr. Gibbons to experience the history and charm of Richmond, Charlottesville, Colonial Williamsburg, and Washington, DC. Highlights include Monticello, Maymont Estate and Gardens, Museum of the Bible, and much more! Trip cost includes five nights at the Hyatt House Richmond-West, deluxe motorcoach transportation, all breakfasts, three dinners, and gratuities. Space is limited; \$1330 (double), \$1650 (single). To register, send \$500 per person deposit to First Presbyterian Church, ATTN: Registrar, 200 West Washington Street, Greenville, SC 29601.

Children's Ministry, Tina Jones

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 21-24

Paralleling our church's building project, God is using us to build a foundation in our children at *Concrete & Cranes* Vacation Bible School for rising K5–rising 4th graders, June 21-24, 9:00am–12:00noon. Be sure to secure your child's place soon (and your own place to serve) at FirstPresGreenville.org (*Featured Events, CHILDREN*). Choose the on-campus or virtual option. Volunteers may sign up to bring their younger children when they register to volunteer. For details, contact Evelyn Penkert at epenkert@firstpresgreenville.org. Register by June 1 and receive a free T-shirt!



DAY MISSIONS JUNE 21-24

For rising 5th graders and up this summer, we are preparing tentative mission locations that meet COVID guidelines. Because kids' placement in groups depends on available chaperones, please register early at FirstPresGreenville.org (*Featured Events, CHILDREN*). For details, contact Karen King at kking@firstpresgreenville.org. Register by June 1 and receive a free T-shirt!

Congregational Care Ministry, Tammy Burkhalter

PASTORAL VISITATION MINISTRY NEEDS YOU

The Pastoral Visitation Ministry's mission is "to provide a team that is equipped to assist the pastors of FPC in shepherding the flock, bringing presence and prayer into homes, and sharing God's love, comfort, and hope with our members who have recently been discharged from the hospital, who are homebound, and who are at an assisted living facility or nursing home."

Please give prayerful consideration to joining our PVM Team. We need visitors of all ages, men and women. Contact Susan Stewart (565.0966, sstewart@firstpresgreenville.org) for details or to offer to serve!

First Presbyterian Academy, Tom Roe

FPA SPRING PLAY APRIL 29 & 30

First Presbyterian Academy at Shannon Forest will present the spring drama, "The Murder Mystery at the Murder Mystery," on **Thursday, April 29**, and **Friday, April 30**, at 7:00pm in the Upper School Gymnasium. Ticket prices are \$10 for adults and \$5 for elementary children. You're invited to come and support our Academy students!

Life Connections Ministry, Claire Ripley

SPRING WEDNESDAY ADVANTAGE SCHEDULE

April 21 Final evening Wednesday Advantage and supper (refer to the Church Calendar for any continuing classes)

Wednesday lunch and midday Bible study will continue through **June 30**, with breaks on April 28, May 5, and June 23.

NEW MEMBER WEEKEND APRIL 23, 24, 25

Are you interested in making First Presbyterian your church home? We invite you to attend our next *New Member Weekend* **Friday-Sunday, April 23-25**. Come discover more about the vision, discipleship, and outreach of FPC! Childcare is available upon request by Tuesday, April 20. For details, contact Autumn Clark (aclark@firstpresgreenville.org) or Rev. Dr. Claire Ripley (cripley@firstpresgreenville.org). Register at FirstPresGreenville.org (*New Member Weekend*).

Men's Ministry, Claire Ripley

CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Christian Men's Fellowship invites retired and nearly retired men to their program every **Thursday** at 12:00pm in Fellowship Hall. If you wish to reserve a lunch (\$8), contact Charlotte Joye (cjoye@firstpresgreenville.org or 565.0956).

Missions & Outreach, Brian Stewart

NEIGHBORHOOD FOCUS PAR 3 FOR HOPE

Neighborhood Focus will host its 3rd annual *Par 3 for Hope* on **Thursday, April 22**, at 2:00pm at 3's Greenville (formerly Cross Winds) to support the 2021 Summer Enrichment Program. For details or to register, contact Keith Groce (864.704.7848, kgroce@neighborhoodfocus.org).

REGISTER FOR 2021 GASCC OF SC

The 8th Annual Great Alaska Sporting Clay Classic of South Carolina, benefiting Send North missionaries Steven and Natalie Hall, will be held on **Friday, April 23**, at The Clinton House in Clinton, SC. Visit 2021gasccsc.eventbrite.com for registration and sponsorships. Questions? Please contact Steven Hall at shall@send.org.

Prayer Ministry, Stan Johnson

TUESDAY EVENING HEALING & PRAYER SERVICE

The Tuesday Evening *Healing & Prayer Service* in Harper Chapel is held each **Tuesday** at 7:00pm. Come and receive God's love, peace, hope, and healing through prayer and the work of the Holy Spirit. Prayers are kept strictly confidential.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER GATHERING MAY 6

Plan to join us on **Thursday, May 6**, for Greenville's 2021 *National Day of Prayer Gathering* at 6:30pm in our Sanctuary. Music by Steve Eager will begin at 5:30pm. For more details, visit NDOP-Greenville.com/home.

Worship & Music Ministry

GREENVILLE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA AT FPC

First Pres is hosting the Greenville Symphony Orchestra concert "Sensational Strings" in our Sanctuary on **May 1** (8:00pm) and **May 2** (3:00pm). General admission tickets (\$35) are available by calling the Peace Center Box Office (864.467.3000). Visit GreenvilleSymphony.org.

Announcements

CHURCH FINANCIAL UPDATE

General Operations

for eight months ended 02/28/2021

	Actual	Budget
Contributions	\$4,271,148	\$4,528,100
Expenses	<u>\$3,661,979</u>	<u>\$4,365,830</u>
Net income	\$ 609,169	\$ 162,270

Capital Campaign

Transforming the Heart of the City

Total contributions received	\$12,113,724
Total pledges + unpledged giving	\$18,402,784

Thank you for your continued generosity!

EASTER SUNDAY FAMILY PHOTOGRAPHS

Easter Sunday family photos taken at the Easter flower cross by Mark Massingill of Ernest Rawlins Photography are located on the Ernest Rawlins Photography website, ErnestRawlins.com. Click on *Client Login*, then *FIRST PRES CHURCH EASTER* to view.

UPCOMING ECO EVENTS AT FPC

First Pres will serve as host to several ECO denominational events on our campus this spring. Beginning April 28, Ordination Candidates from across the nation will gather for two separate retreats. On May 4, the ECO Synod Executive Council will hold their annual meeting, led by Rev. Dr. Dana Allin, Synod Executive. Finally, on May 5 and 6, Presbytery Leaders from 22 Presbyteries across the nation will gather for their annual meeting. We are grateful for your prayers as we serve our denomination for these upcoming events.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

If you would like to place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or memory of loved ones on **Sunday, May 2, 9, 16, or 30**, contact the receptionist at 235.0496.



Member News

BAPTISMS (April 11, 2021)

Hayes Bennett Carson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Vincent Carson (Covington)

Ellie Hayes Halphen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Halphen (Kaci)

CONGRATULATIONS

The pastors and congregation extend blessings to

Mr. and Mrs. Jordan Michael Johnson (Kelsey) on the birth of a son, Jordan Michael "Mick" Johnson Jr., on June 12, 2020, and to grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Johnson (Becky).

Mr. and Mrs. Ford Borders (Libby) on the birth of a grandson, Donnie Ray "DJ" Young III, on April 9. Parents are Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Young (Blair) of Asheville, NC.

SYMPATHY

The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to

The family of Bill Walker. Mr. Walker died on April 8.

IN MEMORIAM

William Walker

November 15, 1928 – April 8, 2021

Memorials & Honors

CHURCH MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of

Betty Kabas by Dr. and Mrs. Doug Stokes; Dr. and Mrs. Bill Deeter III; Mr. and Mrs. John Daniel

Jim Williams by Mr. and Mrs. James Childers

MUSIC MINISTRY FUND

In memory of

Betty Kabas by the Agape Class

TRANSFORMING THE HEART OF THE CITY

In memory of

Phil Cox by Mr. and Mrs. Dan Boling

Betty Kabas by Mr. and Mrs. Dan Boling

Wake Myers by Mr. Charles Reeves III

Calendar for the Week

SUNDAY, APRIL 18

Pastor of the Day: Claire Ripley (423.2064)

Please read COVID guidelines before coming on campus.

8:30am • Worship Service (Sanctuary, live stream)

9:30am • Children's Nursery & Programs (birth–5th gr)
• Youth Sunday School (Room 354)

9:45am • Adult Sunday Life Groups (On campus, Zoom)

10:30am • Kids Church (birth–1st grade)

10:45am • Ignite Worship (Fellowship Hall, live stream)

11:00am • Worship Service (Sanctuary, live stream)

MONDAY, APRIL 19

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

7:00pm • Community Bible Study (Zoom)

TUESDAY, APRIL 20

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

8:45am • Women: *Elijah* (Zoom)

8:30am • Women: *A Woman's Words* (Room 305)

7:00pm • Boy Scout Troop 11 (Scout Hut)

• Healing & Prayer Service (Harper Chapel)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

11:45pm • Lunch (Fellowship Hall)

12:30pm • Bible Study: *Romans* (Fellowship Hall)

4:30pm • Women: Gospel Project (Zoom)

5:15pm • Supper (Fellowship Hall)

5:45pm • Age 0-2: Nursery (Room 215B)

• Age 2-3: Bible lesson (Room 215D)

5:45pm • Junior High ROOTS (Rooms 352, 354)

6:15pm • Age 4-5: Study/Cherub Choir (Rm 316/317)

• Grades 1-2: Carol Choir/Study (Rm 317/316)

• Grades 3-5: WOW Bible Study (Room 318)

• Study: *In the Beginning* (Formal Dining Rm)

• Radiance Women (20s-30s) (Room 303)

6:30pm • Bible Study: *Romans* (Fellowship Hall, live stream)

• Radiance Women (20s-30s) (Room 306)

7:30pm • Senior High ROOTS (Youth 352)

THURSDAY, APRIL 22

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

9:00am • Men's Bible Fellowship (Zoom)

9:30am • Women: *Exodus* (Room 303)

• Abide for Women: *Growing in God's Family* (Room 308 & Zoom)

11:00am • Women's Community Bible Study: Jude (Parlor)

12:00pm • Christian Men's Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)

FRIDAY, APRIL 23


Pastor of the Day: Brian Stewart (423.2660)

6:00pm • New Member Weekend (Fellowship Hall)

SATURDAY, APRIL 24

Pastor of the Day: Brian Stewart (423.2660)

This SUNDAY			PRAYER List
<p><i>Sunday Worship</i></p> <p>SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 2021</p> <p>8:30 & 11:00am Worship • Sanctuary</p> <p>10:45am IGNITE Worship • Fellowship Hall</p> <p>“ELIJAH:</p> <p>Perseverance • Providence • Politics”</p> <p>1 KINGS 17:1-6</p> <p>Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons</p> <p>9:30am – Children’s Sunday School</p> <p>9:30am – Youth Sunday Life Groups</p> <p>9:45am – Adult Sunday Life Groups</p> <p>10:30 – Kids Church</p>		<p><i>Live Streaming</i></p> <p>Sunday Traditional Worship</p> <p>8:30am–9:35am • Sanctuary</p> <p>11:00am–12:15pm • Sanctuary</p> <p><i>Live Streaming:</i></p> <p>Facebook, YouTube, and</p> <p>FirstPresgreenville.org/media/livestream</p> <p>Sunday IGNITE Modern Worship</p> <p>10:45am–11:55am • Fellowship Hall</p> <p>Facebook page and YouTube channel for live streaming the Ignite worship service:</p> <p><i>Live Streaming:</i></p> <p>Ignite Facebook page:</p> <p>https://www.facebook.com/FirstPresIgnite/</p> <p>Ignite YouTube page:</p> <p>http://bit.ly/firstpresigniteworship</p> <p>Wednesday Bible Study</p> <p>12:30pm–1:00pm • Fellowship Hall</p> <p>6:30pm–7:15pm • Fellowship Hall</p> <p><i>Live Streaming (6:30pm only):</i></p> <p>Facebook, YouTube, and</p> <p>FirstPresgreenville.org/media/livestream</p> <p>Please “like” & “subscribe” for easy access.</p>	
<p>This WEDNESDAY</p> <p>APRIL 21, 2021</p> <p><i>Bible Study (12:30pm, 6:30pm*)</i></p> <p>Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons: <i>Romans</i></p> <p>Classes for all ages (see calendar)</p> <p><i>Wednesday Meals (11:45am, 5:15pm*)</i></p> <p>Baked Spaghetti, Parmesan Chicken</p> <p>Corn on the Cob, Fried Green Beans</p> <p>Broccoli and Almonds, Squash and Zucchini</p> <p>Salad, Bread, Dessert</p> <p><i>*Last evening Bible Study and supper</i></p>		<p><i>Prayer & Care</i></p> <p>Encouragement & Support</p> <p>If you would like a Prayer Minister to call and pray with you, or a member of our Cancer Caring Ministry to reach out to you, please contact Congregational Care Director Tammy Burkhalter, by email to tburkhalter@firstpresgreenville.org.</p> <p>If you are in need of prayer or pastoral care, please contact the Pastor of the Day (see the calendar).</p> <p>To share prayer requests with the Prayer Team:</p> <p>call 565.0970</p> <p>or email</p> <p>prayer@firstpresgreenville.org</p>	
		<p>PRAYER REQUEST LINES</p> <p>Congregational Care Director</p> <p><i>Tammy Burkhalter: 565.0943</i></p> <p>Prayer Appointments: 565.0960</p> <p>Prayer Requests: 565.0970</p>	
		<p>Emma Barfield, Kelly Barfield, Susan Black, Ann Bush, Sydney Clark, Joy Clawson, Amelia Cryer, Levi Daniel, Peggy Denny, Greg Dobson, Gayle Duggan, Betsy Farnsworth, Allie Fish, Malcolm Floyd, Becky Garcia, Pam Goldman, Natalie Hall, T.G. Hanner, Sherry Hooper, Amy Hunter, Rami Kozaily, Sandra Lamb, Jennifer Loft, Gerald Loyless, Anne Lybrand, Doug MacCallum, Jane MacCallum, Janet MacCallum, Roberta Maddox, Bill Marks, Bobbie McCall, Barbara McKenzie, Deryl McKinney, Ann McLellan, John Michels, Lindy Miller, Mozelle Moore, Alex Olyarchuk, Charlotte Parr, Jane Petrilli, Myra Phillips, Charles Scales III, Janice Shartle, Jeff Shelton, Carrie Stringer, Melanie Ann Tinnelly, Charlene Vohs, John Vohs, Lysle Wiley, Elizabeth “Liz” Williams, Esther Wilson, Jan Zimmermann</p> <p>Bold = New <i>Italics</i> = In Hospital</p>	



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TELEVISION
First and Foremost Program
on WHNS-TV FOX Carolina
Sundays at 10:30am

ONLINE GIVING



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*For more information about
the ministry of FPC, visit
FirstPresGreenville.org*

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ELIJAH

PERSEVERANCE • PROVIDENCE • POLITICS

Lost in the dim and distant past, Elijah is not often the first person we think of when we consider outstanding, fearless, uncompromising, prayerful leadership. Yet in this new Sunday morning series entitled “Perseverance, Providence, and Politics,” we encounter a man who, like us, wrestles with pessimism, uncertainty, and fear of the future. Elijah reminds us of the need for patient prayer and a strong reliance on the invincibility of God’s grace. Please join us as we immerse ourselves in the life of Elijah and learn age-old lessons to equip us for life today.